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While there is nothing especially new to report in the matter of the erection of new houses, it may be said in a general way that the building boom in the city and in the suburbs continues without abatement. Contracts are being made daily for new homes, and every day the keys of completed houses are being turned over to the owners by contractors. In the main, the building operations are confined to residential property, although considerable work is being done on industrial jobs of one kind and another. George W. Lambert has just closed a contract to erect for Mr. Lewis H. Blair a handsome storehouse on Park Avenue, which has already been leased for a fancy uptown grocery and general supply store. Messrs. J. Thompson Brown & Co. are just completing nine detached houses on Carter, Dance and Jackson Streets, to be rented to colored people, and they contemplate erecting as many more before the summer is ended. These are going dwellings of their kind, built upon large lots and supplied with modern conveniences.

The building boom now on in this section of the city, which is a part of the old Jackson Ward, along the streets named, and on Washington Street, may be said to be a decided step in the direction of solving the congestion problem for the colored people, which problem was recently brought to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce. The chamber, as usual, appointed a committee and stopped right there. The committee has never reported, and so far as anybody knows, no steps have ever been taken looking to any solution of the trouble. Investors and the city's well wishers seem to have taken the matter in hand and are working out a solution of their own, and a common-sense solution it is.

A pleasing feature of this building boom in the southwest section of the city for the benefit of the better class of colored people, is that the most of the many houses being erected there are going up on large and airy lots upon which the tenants or purchasers as the case may be, will have room to turn around. This part of the city, which seems to be opening up a territory especially suited to the colored population already has considerable city improvements and more are in contemplation by the powers that be.

The negroes are availing themselves of the opportunity to get decent places to live in, and during the past week at least two of their co-operative financial organizations have made purchases in this section. They will proceed at once to build on the vacant lots bought.

Building operations in the suburbs continue active. It is said that three persons who have recently bought lots in Barton Heights are closing deals with contractors to erect homes in time for fall and winter occupancy.

Just beyond, in Brookland Park, contracts have been made for the erection of eight houses on the half of the sixteen lots recently bought by an out-of-town investor.

In Highland Park ground has been broken for three new houses, and in all of the suburbs the builders are busy.

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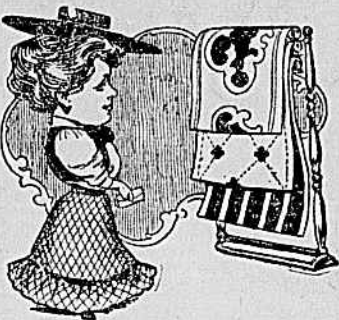
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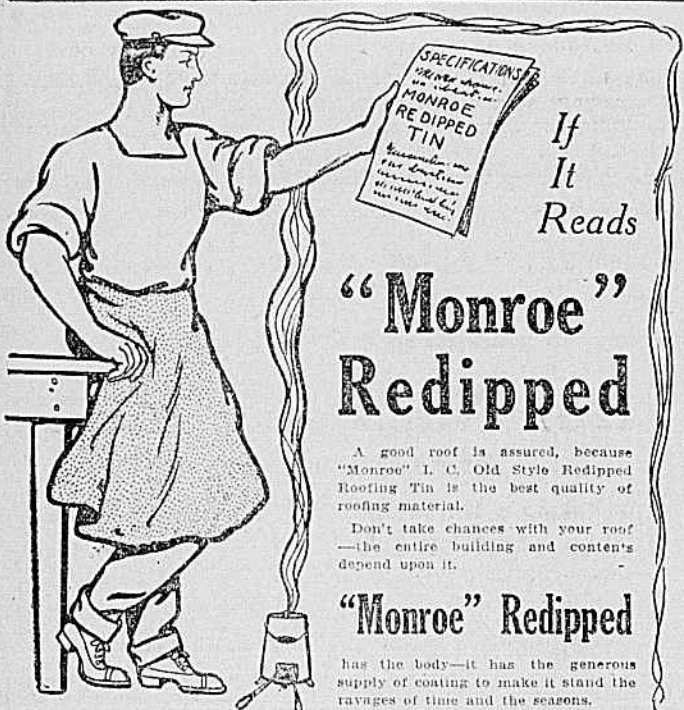
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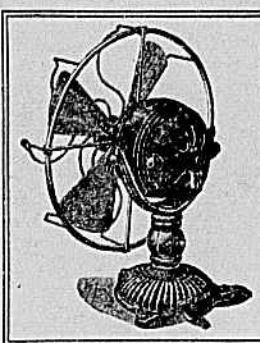
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